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**PORTION OF CALLAWAY BAYOU UNDER ADVISORY AFTER RAW
SEWAGE RELEASE**

City of Callaway reports 10,000-gallons raw sewage release



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Panama City, Fla. –The City of Callaway is reporting a release of **approximately 10,000 gallons of raw sewage**. This is from a **broken 8” sewer line near the South Berthe Bridge**. The release entered **Callaway Bayou in the 400 block of South Berthe Ave**. Cleanup actions have been completed

Sewage contamination of water can expose swimmers to **intestinal viruses, bacteria, and parasites**. Swimming in the water may cause **symptoms like food poisoning** with vomiting and diarrhea. **Infection is possible in open cuts and wounds** that come in contact with the water.

The Florida Department of Health in Bay County, DOH-Bay, **advises against swimming in Callaway Bayou from the South Berthe Bridge to the John B. Gore Boat Ramp**. The **City of Callaway will test** the water and share results with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection and the Bay County Health Department. **Once levels are safe, the advisory will be lifted**.

For more information, contact the DOH-Bay’s Environmental Health office at 850-481-4806 or visit Bay.FloridaHealth.gov.

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